1 (currently amended). A method for providing status information from a mobile unit, comprising the steps of:

comparing, at a mobile unit, current status data with the last broadcast status data; determining a broadcast status criteriareport interval wherein based upon the a broadcast status criteria that includes a plurality of predetermined programmable criterions wherein the programmable criterions and associated report intervals are alterable via remote commands;

> transmitting current status data at the report interval. the current status data based upon the broadcast status criteria;

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receiving the current status data at a host system; storing the current status data;

receiving a request for the status information.

retrieving the current status data from storage on the host system; and proving the status information based upon the stored current status data.

2 (currently amended). The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining the broadcast criteria includes determining if an external power source is currently connected to the intelligent mobile unit.

3 (original). The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining the broadcast criteria includes determining if an external sensor has changed status.

The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining the broadcast 4 (original). criteria includes determining if the mobile unit has entered or exited a predetermined geographical zone.

5 (original). The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining the broadcast criteria includes determining if the mobile unit has triggered a preset alarm.

The method of claim 5, wherein the step of determining if the mobile unit has triggered a predetermined alarm includes determining if the mobile unit has exceeded a predetermined speed limit.



7 (original). The method of claim 5, wherein the step of determining if the mobile unit has triggered a predetermined alarm includes determining if the mobile unit has exited a geographically defined zone.

8 (original). The method of claim 5, wherein the step of determining if the mobile unit has triggered a predetermined alarm includes determining if the mobile unit has moved during a predetermined time period.

9. (cancelled).

10 (currently amended). A system for providing status information from a mobile unit, comprising:

an all-inclusive container with a connector for an external power source; an internal power supply chargeable by the external power source;

an internal global positioning receiver connected to the internal power supply;

an internal processor coupled to the global positioning receiver wherein the processor determines a broadcast criteria based based upon a plurality of programmable criterions wherein the programmable criterions and associated report intervals are alterable via remote commands;

upon if external power is available;

internal memory coupled to the processor wherein the memory stores the <u>the</u> programmable criterions and associated report intervals; broadcast criteria;

an internal radio modem coupled to the processor operable to receive remote commands to alter the programmable criterions and associated report intervals; and an internal antenna coupled to the radio modem.

11 (currently ameded). A system for providing status information from an intelligent mobile unit, comprising:

an all-in-one box mobile unit comprising:

a container with an external power source connection and at least one external sensor signal connection comprising:

an internal power supply chargeable by the external power source;

an internal global positioning receiver connected to the internal power supply;

an internal processor coupled to the global positioning receiver wherein the processor transmits current status data <u>based upon a plurality of programmable criterions</u> wherein the programmable criterions and associated report intervals are alterable via remote commands;

based upon a broadcast status criteria;

internal memory coupled to the processor wherein the memory stores the programmable criterions and associated report intervalsbroadcast status criteria;

an internal radio modem coupled to the processor <u>operable to receive remote</u> commands to alter the programmable criterions and associated report intervals; and

an internal antenna coupled to the radio modem;

a wireless network wherein the wireless network receives wireless data packets transmitted from the radio modem;

a host system that receives data packets from the wireless network and stores the data packet information on a storage mechanism;

a global computer network for delivering a status request to the host system wherein the global computer network delivers the status information based upon the stored data packet information.

12-19. (cancelled).

